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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FGT: STUDY OF SYRIAN IRON ORE RESOURCES

1. DURING RECENT VISIT OF PROCESS CONTROLS TRADE MISSION, MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES DARWISH TOLD GROUP HE WAS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING INQUERIES FROM US FIRMS ABOUT CONDUCTING A STUDY OF SYRIAN IRON ORE RESOURCES AND THEIR POSSIBLE APPLICATION IN LOCAL IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTION. ACCORDING TO DARWISH, SYRIA HAS ABOUT 100M. TONS RESERVES, IRON CONTENT 32-24 PERCENT. THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSING SUCH A STUDY WITH THE SOVIETS, WEST GERMANS, FRENCH, AND NORTH KOREANS, BUT DARWISH SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER AMERICAN OFFERS, AS WELL. NO FORMAL INTERNATIONAL TENDER HAS BEEN LET; ALL DISCUSSIONS TO DATE HAVE BEEN ON AN INFORMAL GRE-A-GRE BASIS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC TO NOTIFY APPROPRIATE US FIRMS.

3. CAIRO PLEASE INFORM UNITED STATES STEEL INTERNATIONAL INC. LIAISON OFFICE, TEL: 988266, MR. LLOYD.
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